Thursday, January 15, 2009

Economic Growth & Redevelopment Services RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 20

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement for commission of public artwork with Young-Min Kang, South Korea, for sculptural artwork that will be attached to the east and west mezzanine walls in the Austin Bergstrom International Airport, in an amount not to exceed \$108,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Aviation Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Megan Crigger, AIPP Administrator, 974-9312; Meghan Turner, AIPP Coordinator, 974-9314

Boards and Commission Action: The Art in Public Place Panel unanimously approved the artist's final design on December 8, 2008; the Austin Arts Commission unanimously approved the final design on December 15, 2008.

A Request for Qualifications (letter of interest, resume, slides or digital images of previous work, image listing and names of three references) was issued to artists living within the State of Texas. The Selection Panel and Advisors met on March 24, 2006 and reviewed the qualifications of 113 artists. The Selection Panel and Advisors selected five finalists: Young-Min Kang (Austin, TX), Ken Hale (Austin, TX), Roger Colombik and Jerolyn Bahm Colombik (Wimberley, TX), Jessica Halonen (Austin, TX), and Benito Huerta (Arlington, TX). On August 2, 2006, the Selection Panel and Advisors met and reviewed the proposals of the five finalists. The selection panel selected Young-Min Kang for commission and Ken Hale as the alternate to recommend to the Art in Public Places Panel and Arts Commission, which was approved on September 11th and 18th, 2006, respectively. The artist has recently returned to his native South Korea.

SELECTION PANEL

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